Zone No.	States Covered
2. ZONE II	
(Bidhan Chandra Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Mohanpur)	West Bengal, Orissa and Andaman Nicobar Islands.
3. ZONE III	
(NEH Research Complex, Shillong)	Whole of the NEH Region, Sikkim and Assam.
4. ZONE IV	
(C.S. Azad University of Agri. & Tech., Kanpur)	Uttar Pradesh & Bihar.
5. ZONE V	
(Central Research Institute for Dryland Agri. Hyderabad)	Andhra Pradesh.
6. ZONE VI	
(Gujarat Agri University, Ahmedabad)	Rajasthan & Gujarat
7. ZONE VII	
(Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Viswa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur)	Madhya Pradesh & Maharashtra.
8. ZONE VIII	
(NDRI Station, Bangalore)	Karnataka, Tamilnadu Kerala and Lakshadweep & Minicoy Islands.

The Council headquarter staff and the Zonal Coordinating staff visit the project sites and provide on-the-spot guidance to the scientists and technical staff implementing the ORPs. These projects have been evaluated once by a committee constituted by the ICAR in the year 1980-81. Besides this evaluation, a special team was constituted by the ICAR to evaluate the ORPs on reclamation of problem soils. The recommendations of these committees after examination in the Council and approval of the Governing Body of the ICAR have been implemented.

The Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad also undertook an evaluatory study of some selected operational research projects with the purpose of studying research management aspects of ORPs and other planning, monitoring and evaluation problems involved in the implementation of ORPs.

Loans by HUDCO

*260. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to raise the credit ceiling and repayment period of housing loans advance by HUDCO;

(b) whether in view of housing shortage in the country, Government propose to give fiscal incentives to promote housing activity in the country; and

(c) whether Government also propose for additional tax benefits to the corporate sector for providing housing facilities to their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The financing norms of HUDCO were last revised in December, 1985.

No further revision is contemplated at present.

(b) The new fiscal incentives to promote housing activity have been announced by the Prime Minister in his Budget Speech.

(c) This needs detailed examination.

Steel based engineering industries

@2011. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of engineering industries based on steel in the country are starved of steel;

(b) if so, what are the reasons thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for the adequate supply of raw material to the steel based engineering industries in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) There have been some representations regarding inadequate availability of steel from various consumers.

(b) Production shortfalls in certain items have been a major contributory factor.

(c) Imports are being allowed to supplement indigenous availability.

Family pension scheme in HSCL at Bhilai

2012. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether all the employees of the Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited (HSCL) at Bhilai are compulsorily covered under the family pension scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons due to which the dependents of some dead employees have not been given pensions as yet?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K.C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. The family pension scheme is applicable to all the employees of Hindustan Steel Works Construction Limited including the working at Bhilai, who became members of the Employees Provident Fund Scheme on or after 1st March, 1971;

(b) HSCL has remitted the full amount due upto date in respect of family pension to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner (RPFC). As and when applications are received from families of the deceased, these are verified with reference to the unit's records and thereafter transmitted to the Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, West Bengal Circle, Calcutta who makes the payment directly to the family of deceased.

Works executed in HSCL at Bhilai

2013. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the structural mechanical and electrical works in the HSCL at Bhilai are being executed through contractors instead of by the departmental workers; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) No, Sir. These works are being executed by fully utilising departmental workers and supplementing them by piece rated workers (on labour contract).

(b) There are certain jobs, where adequate number of departmental workers having certain categories of skills are not available to execute the work. As a result it has been necessary to get the work executed by employing contractors to complete the works in time and as per targets fixed by the client.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1369, transferred from the 9th March, 1987.